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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Senator Redfield, on AM1570.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the body. I am very aware of the city of Omaha's concerns. At the same time, I don't see how they could have budgeted all projections for dollars from the state, in the fact that, within the budgeting process, our Appropriations Committee had not set the state aid for cities. So I'm not sure that they could have actually predicted exactly. I actually have a bill, LB 40, that's coming up. One of the issues that was involved in that was distribution of Affordable Housing Trust Fund dollars, and the fact that Omaha was not getting a good share of those, considering the needs with the population base there. And actually, the amendment that I have filed would mean about \$1.7 million in funds for the city of Omaha for that purpose. I'm looking at that. I'm looking at this. I'm looking at some of the other pots of money. And I'm having to question whether or not I want to run that amendment, in light of this. And I suppose it will depend on whether this amendment is actually successful. If Senator Don Pederson is on the floor...I don't see him. And I don't see Senator Thompson. I was having a discussion with Senator Thompson earlier, and I'm going to try to rephrase that conversation. Oh, thank you. Senator Pederson, if he could respond?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pederson, would you respond?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I'll try.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you. Senator Pederson, when the Appropriations Committee is putting together the budget, when you were...when we had MIRF and were distributing funds through MIRF, were you not also adjusting state aid to cities accordingly, and when...between the two pots of money?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: That's right. That's what we were doing.

SENATOR REDFIELD: So in fact, if MIRF went up, state aid might go down?